years, 1101, 1102 and 1103, we have spent about 20 thousand rupees.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Not for the boatmen, but for the cultivators.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Boatmen plied in these canals. I do not see the difference.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Another amount claimed to have been spent is Rs. 200 in 1101, Rs. 199 in 1102 and Rs. 194 in 1103, for the P. C. R. Works of the Malippuram Depot, deepening of the water-way.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is almost an annual expenditure.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Government wants the approaches to the Depot to be in such a way that the salt contractor may have all the facilities to take his articles to the Malippuram Depot, and the Government claims that it has been to the public benefit because rates are collected.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Member ought to know it better.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—The Canal Department collects such a large amount. Is any collection made from cars and carriages in rural parts?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No, I do not think.

Mr. M. A. Chakko.—That sort of vehicles has exemption. The boats have no exemption, even when the amount spent is so very meagre. I want to draw the attention of the Government to this.

Co-operative Societies.

143. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applications received by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for the registration of societies during the last three years ending Mithunam 1104?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—150 till 20th Mithunam 1104.

144. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly place on the Table a statement showing the number of applications rejected, the places from which they had been sent, the names of the proposed societies sought to be registered and the reasons for rejecting those applications?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The information asked for cannot be furnished as the period for which it is wanted is not specified.

Petition complaining against the acquisition of site for the Chittur Girls' School.

145. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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